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CLASS-X

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE(Code No.184)

TIME ALLOWED- 3 HOURS MAXIMUM MARKS-80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) 15 minutes prior reading time is allotted for reading of Question Paper.**
- 2) The Question paper contains THREE sections- READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.**
- 3) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**
- 4) Write in Legible Handwriting.**

SECTION A (READING SKILLS)- 20 MARKS

Reading Comprehension through Unseen Passages

1.	Read the following text.10 Marks
(1)	Over-powering prey is a challenge for limbless creatures. Some species inject venom like Russell's viper. Some others opt for an alternative non-chemical method- rat snakes, for instance, grab and push their prey against the ground, while pythons use their brawn to squeeze their quarry to death. But snakes can't be neatly divided into venomous and non-venomous categories.
(2)	Even species listed as non-venomous aren't completely devoid of venom. The common sand boa, for instance, produces secretions particularly toxic to birds. So the species doesn't hedge its bets-it constricts its prey and injects venom for good measure.
(3)	Do vipers need venom potent enough to kill hundreds of rats with just one drop? After all, they eat only one or two at a time.
(4)	While predators try their darnedest to kill most efficiently, their prey use any trick to avoid becoming a meal, such as developing immunity to venom. For instance, Californian ground squirrels are resistant to North Pacific rattlesnake venom.
(5)	Competition with prey is not the only thing driving snakes to evolve more and more toxic venom. Snakes also struggle to avoid becoming prey themselves.

(6)	Some snake predators have partial immunity to venom. Famously, mongooses are highly resistant to cobra venom. And with their speed and agility, kill snakes with impunity. It would be death of cobras as a species if they didn't evolve more toxic venom to immobilize mongooses.
(7)	Venom has another important role. It's extreme meat tenderizer; specific enzymes disintegrate the innards of prey. Normally, a reptile depends on the sun's warm rays to aid digestion. Venomous snakes have an advantage: enzyme in venom digest the meal from the inside before it rots in their guts.
(8)	Snake venoms have been used in traditional medicines for many thousands of years. Snake venom was basis of preparations to treat small pox and heal wounds. Venoms also serve as drug development libraries, out of 10-50 million compound only some thousand have been identified so far. At present, many of these components are being examined for their potential for therapeutic applications.

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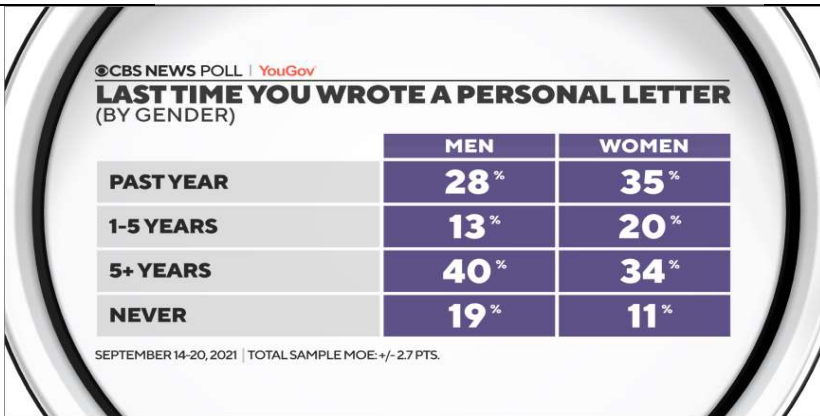
Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

I	Why is the undertone of the writer while calling Venom as a ' Drug Libraries '? (a)Venom is used widely due to its healing abilities. (b)Venom is rich source of information. (c)A lot of data is obtained about chemical properties and structure of Venom. (d)A lot of research is awaited about this chemically rich substance.	1
II	The writer claims in paragraph 5 that ' <i>Snakes also struggle to avoid becoming preythemselves</i> '. Rationalize your response in about 40 words.	2
III	Complete the sentence appropriately with a vital point the author has used to justify that. <i>Snakes can't be neatly divided into venomous and non-venomous categories.....</i>	1
IV	The passage includes some words that are similar in meaning to each other. From the sets 1-5 below, identify two sets of synonyms. 1. Swallow and Spit 2. Disintegrate and Rot 3. Inside and Inwards 4. Grab and Push 5. Partial and Basis <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto; margin-top: 10px;">(a) 1 and 5 (b) 2 and 3 (c) 3 and 5 (d) 2 and 4 (e) 2 and 3</div>	1

V	Complete the sentence given below appropriately. The writer stresses a deep connection between enzymes and snake venom. The enzymes in snake venom	1
VI	Based on the reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words, why the writer says that both prey and predators keep evolving to beat each-other in the struggle for survival.	2
VII	Select the opinion that displays what the writer projects about snakes as a species, with reference to the following statement. Overpowering prey is a challenge for limbless creature. (i) They use venom to kill their prey. (ii) They constrict their prey (iii) They either use brawn or venom. (iv) They assault the prey and inject venom in them.	1
VIII	Match the limbless predators with their toxic secretions that they use to kill their prey. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: left;"> <p>Limbless Predators</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rat snake 2. Sand Boa 3. Cobras and Vipers against the ground 4. Russel's Viper 5. Python injects venom. </div> <div style="text-align: left;"> <p>Toxic Secretions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inject Venom b. Squeeze their prey c. Grab and Push their prey d. Inject the deadliest venom e. Constricts and prey and </div> </div>	1

2. Read the following text.

10 Marks

1	 <p>LAST TIME YOU WROTE A PERSONAL LETTER (BY GENDER)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th>MEN</th><th>WOMEN</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PAST YEAR</td><td>28 %</td><td>35 %</td></tr> <tr> <td>1-5 YEARS</td><td>13 %</td><td>20 %</td></tr> <tr> <td>5+ YEARS</td><td>40 %</td><td>34 %</td></tr> <tr> <td>NEVER</td><td>19 %</td><td>11 %</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>SEPTEMBER 14-20, 2021 TOTAL SAMPLE MOE: +/- 2.7 PTS.</p>		MEN	WOMEN	PAST YEAR	28 %	35 %	1-5 YEARS	13 %	20 %	5+ YEARS	40 %	34 %	NEVER	19 %	11 %	<p>Last year news alarmed me-‘Most Americans haven’t written a personal letter for over</p>
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	5 years'. The news reminded me of My uncle, who was addicted to letter writing; he was the role model in our extended family. He lived in a village and often judged people on the basis of how quickly his letters were replied to. Uncle spent an hour every morning writing detailed letters. He possessed acute penmanship, his letters were considered as a 'Family Literature'. He kept a small aluminum box next to him. It contained the postal stationery, pens and old paling dog-eared address book. This book had numerous crosses and arrows to signify changes in addresses.
2	While my uncle wrote the letter, aunt would be squatting on the straw mat with knives, vegetables and some old newspapers, preparing for the next meal. After writing the main news, he would read it aloud to aunt. He was adept at using the card and the inland letter to their fullest potential. After writing the main story which covered news from all family nooks, he would add information of lesser significance in very small characters and utilize every millimeter of space available. In fact, the letter had to be turned in different directions for all the news to be read.
3	After my Uncle's demise, his sons who live in Mumbai could not maintain his routine. "Who write letters nowadays?" was the defence offered by my jet-setting cousins to my father when he complained of not getting any news about their family.
4	Two of my cousins are business executives. They come home in the wee hours of the morning leaving little scope for headline news, leave alone details. A third cousin is a software professional. He writes only short e-mails once a month, something that starts like, 'Hi, how r u? I'm Ok' and ends there!

Adapted for academic usage CBS News Poll (245 Words)

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

I	Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase. Wee hours:sunrise :: Skilled:.....	1
II	Choose the most appropriate option from those given in the brackets, to fill in the blanks. After writing the main story which covered the news from all family nooks, he..... (would/could) add information of lesser significance in very small characters and (utilize/utilizes) every millimetre of the available space.	2
III	What was considered 'Family Literature'?	2
IV	Infer the meaning of 'Sitting' from the passage.	1
V	Why did the Uncle's address book contain many crosses and arrows?	1
VI	What is author trying to convey when he uses the phrase, 'jet-setting' for his cousins? (a) The cousins are working in aviation industry. (b) The cousins are bound in fast-paced life as they all work in software industry.	1

	(c) The cousins are rich and travel a lot. (d) The cousins are living in Metropolitan city and hardly find time due to their busy lives.	
VII	According to the passage, why had the letter to be turned in different directions? (a) He used to write in miniscule handwriting. (b) He used to utilize every millimetre of the space available. (c) His handwriting was way-ward and not legible. (d) He had made different sections for the family news and information.	1
VIII	State whether the following statement is TRUE OR FALSE. <i>One of the things that uncle did not follow was he missed lesser information in his letters.</i>	1

SECTION B (GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS)- 20 MARKS

GRAMMAR	10 Marks
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3.	Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed.	1x10=10				
I	<p>Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter.</p> <p>Respected Sir, I had purchased an Apple I-Phone15 from your showroom vide bill 2435 on 11 November 2023. I was using it to my satisfaction since I..... (buy) it but for the last few days I have noticed some problem in its battery.</p>	1				
II	<p>Read the given sentence from a review article in a newspaper. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.</p> <p>The catastrophic earthquake in Nepal occurred because of converging tectonic plate; the India Plate and the over-riding Eurasia Plate to the north.</p> <p>Use the given format for the response.</p> <table><tr><td>ERROR</td><td>CORRECTION</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	ERROR	CORRECTION			1
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III	<p>Report the following sentence.</p> <p>Sam said, “My granny is making Sandwiches.”</p>	1				
IV	<p>Read the dialogues between Raj and Yash. Select the correct option to</p>	1				

	<p>complete the reporting of the above dialogues.</p> <p>Raj: I'm working as an HR in Air India in Delhi. By the way, what have you been doing all these years?</p> <p>Yash: I did B.E. in Aeronautical Engineering from London and have come for an Interview at Air India.</p> <p>Raj told Yash that he was working as an HR in Air India and asked him..... Sahil replied that he had done B.E in Aeronautical Engineering from London and had come for an interview at the Air India.</p> <p>i. What he had been doing all those years?</p> <p>ii. What he had been doing all these years?</p> <p>iii. What he had been doing all those years.</p> <p>iv. What was he doing all these years.</p>					
V	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete an online update.</p> <p><i>Police found that a man was painting a graffiti inside a Delhi Metro Coach and is now wanted. Please inform the SHO Rajeev Chowk Metro on 1234567890 or 1511 (control room) or 112 (police helpline). Identity of informer..... confidential.</i></p> <p>(i) will be kept</p> <p>(ii) kept</p> <p>(iii) would keep</p> <p>(iv) keep</p>	1				
VI	<p>Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a magazine report.</p> <p><i>Forest department flags violations at Smriti Van in Vasant Kunj: The area was then inspection by the south forest division in December last year, when the violations were found, according to the submission made by the PCCF.</i></p> <p>Use the given format for the response.</p> <table><tr><td>ERROR</td><td>CORRECTION</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	ERROR	CORRECTION			1
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VII	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the concluding line of an issued circular by an organization, to his managers.</p> <p>A copy of the instructions in detail.....(enclose) herewith and this may be communicated to all Team Leaders for compliance.</p>	1															
VIII	<p>Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option.</p> <p><i>As a rule, most vaccinations and life-saving drugs..... first on animals and then on humans before they are made available to people.</i></p> <p>(i) are being tested (ii) have been tested (iii) are tested (iv) will be tested</p>	1															
IX	<p>Report the dialogue between a mother and her daughter by completing the sentence.</p> <p>Urvi said to her mother, "<i>I want a scoop of Ice-Cream.</i>"</p> <p>Urvi said to her mother that.....</p>	1															
X	<p>Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line: <i>The happinesses of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.</i></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Option</th><th>Error</th><th>Correction</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td><td>Happinesses</td><td>Happiness</td></tr> <tr> <td>B</td><td>Life</td><td>Live</td></tr> <tr> <td>C</td><td>Depends</td><td>Depend</td></tr> <tr> <td>D</td><td>Upon</td><td>On</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Option	Error	Correction	A	Happinesses	Happiness	B	Life	Live	C	Depends	Depend	D	Upon	On	1
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	<p>There was an Old Man with a beard, Who said, 'It is just as I- Two Owls and a Hen, Four Larks and a Wren, Have all built their nests in my beard!</p> <p>(i) fear (ii) is feared (iii) will fearing (iv) feared</p>	
XII	<p>Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence from a health magazine. Chia seeds, an excellent of plant-based protein, can also be used in home-made granola bars, along with nuts and other ingredients, to increase its nutrition content.</p> <p>(i) sourced (ii) sources (iii) source (iv) sourcing</p>	1

WRITING 10 Marks
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Note: All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4	<p>Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.</p> <p>A. You are Nidhi/ Naitik. You are Librarian of PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Jodhpur. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of Penguin Books, Darya Ganj Delhi, Placing an order of books on Digital Wellness, Food and Nutrition, Financial Management for Teenagers, English Fictions and illustrated Folklores of India and world. You may provide reference of the previous purchases.(you can invent other details as required for your answer)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> <p>B. You are Divya/ Divyansh. You happened to read the report by Times of India that stated the menace of stray dogs and increasing number of stray dog attacks on children and older people on an alarming rate. Anxious, you decided to write a letter to the Editor of a national daily to shake up the authorities and the public about this lingering danger. Invent other necessary details as required for your answer.</p>	5
5	<p>Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.</p> <p>A.You are the Cultural Club Representative of Class XI. You have been given the charge of organising the annual farewell party for the outgoing students of class XII. In consultation with the core members of your club, you have made an estimate of the total expenditure to be incurred and have presented the details to the Activity in charge.</p>	5

Analyse the expenses shown and either accept or reject the proposal.

S. No	Item	Price	Total No.	Vendor	Grand Total
1	Decorative items	Rs. 80 each	50	Memories Gift Store	4000
2	Welcome Banners	Rs. 300 each	2	Janta Banners	600
3	Food (Snacks, soft drinks and Buffet)	Rs. 250 per plate	300	Delicious Restaurants and Caterers	75000
4	Gifts	100 per person	150	Memories Gift Store	15000
5	DJ			Hit Beat DJ	5000
				Grand Total	99600

You may begin like this:


As I am shouldering the responsibility of farewell, I believe that.....

You may end like this:

For these reasons I believe the proposal should be accepted/rejected for the farewell party.

OR

- A. In the report Published by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, the Indian Road Accident Scenario, with 415 deaths and many injured every day, is more severe than covid-19.

	<div><h3>Major causes of road accident deaths during 2021</h3><table><tr><th>Cause</th><th>Percentage</th></tr><tr><td>Over speeding</td><td>55.9%</td></tr><tr><td>Dangerous or careless driving/over-taking/etc.</td><td>27.5%</td></tr><tr><td>Weather condition</td><td>3.5%</td></tr><tr><td>Driving under influence of drug/alcohol</td><td>1.9%</td></tr><tr><td>Defect in mechanical</td><td>1.3%</td></tr><tr><td>Other causes</td><td>9.9%</td></tr></table></div> <p>Summarize the information in the chart by selecting and reporting the main features and write an analytical paragraph.</p>	Cause	Percentage	Over speeding	55.9%	Dangerous or careless driving/over-taking/etc.	27.5%	Weather condition	3.5%	Driving under influence of drug/alcohol	1.9%	Defect in mechanical	1.3%	Other causes	9.9%	
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SECTION C(LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT-40 MARKS

6	Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given.	5
A	<p>The river, Kaveri, obtains its water from the hills and forests of Coorg. Mahaseer- a large freshwater fish-abound in these waters. Kingfishers dive for their catch, while squirrels and langurs drop partially eaten fruit for the mischief of enjoying the splash and the ripple effect in the clear water. Elephants enjoy being bathed and scrubbed in the river by their mahouts.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Glimpses of India-1 Coorg)</p>	
i	State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE Mahaseer is a salt-water fish found easily in Coorg.	1
ii	Why do the squirrels drop partially eaten fruit in the river?	2
iii	Which river flows from the hills of Coorg? (a) Narmada (b) Kaviri (c) Kaveri (d) Ganga	1

iv	Select a word from the extract which means the same as 'wave'. (a) Ripple (b) abound (c) splash (d) scrubbed	1
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OR

B	<p>Natalya: Then smoke. Here are the matches. The weather is splendid now, but yesterday i was so wet that the workmen didn't do anything all day. How much hay have you stacked?</p> <p>Just think i felt greedy and had a whole field cut, and now I'm not at all pleased about it because I'm afraid my hay may rot. I ought to have waited a bit. But what's this? Why, you're in evening dress! Well, I never!</p> <p>Are you going to a ball or what? Though I must say you look better..... tell me, why are you got up like that?</p> <p>Lomov: (excited) You see, honoured Natalya Stepanovna..... the fact is, I've made up my mind to ask you to hear me out..... of course you'll be surprised and perhaps even angry, but a.... (aside) It's awfully cold.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(The Proposal)</p>	
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I	Which of the following is a valid reason why Lomov was dressed formally? (a) Lomov intended to meet Natalya's father on the eve of the New Year (b) Lomov wanted Natalya to walk down the aisle. (c) Lomov wanted to indict Natalya. (d) Lomov intended to increase the warmth of neighbourly relations between two families.	1
li	Natalya is a self-absorbed woman, quite engrossed in her own life. Justify or refute the statement with suitable evidence from the given extract. Answer in about 40 words	2
lii	How would you characterise Lomov's mood based on the given extract? (a) Cautious but excited (b) Relieved and jubilant (c) Merry, yet thoughtful (d) anxious and irritated	1
iv	Complete the analogy by selecting the most suitable option from the above extract. School: Study :: : Dance	1

7	Read the following stanzas below and attempt the questions for ANY ONE that follow.	5
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(The Necklace)

A	<i>He stalks in his vivid stripes The few steps of his cage, On pads of velvet quiet, In his quiet rage.</i>	(A tiger in the Zoo)
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I	Fill in the blank appropriately with ONE word only. It is clear that personification is the poetic device used in the extract because in the whole poem, the tiger is.....	1
li	The Tiger seems to be longing for his freedom, write a short monologue in not more than 40 words expressing the Tiger's desire.	2
lii	What is the significance of the line- 'The few steps of his cage'.	1
iv	Select a word from the stanza which means opposite to the - Tranquillness	1

OR

B	The trees inside are moving out into the forest, The forest that was empty all these days Where no bird could sit No insect hide No sun bury its feet in shadow The forest that was empty all these nights Will be full of trees by morning. (The Trees)	
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I	On the first glimpse the stanza seems to be powered by- (a) simile (b) Onomatopoeia (c) personification (d) oxymoron	1
li	What is the theme(s) of the given lines? Elaborate it in about 40 words.	2
lii	The poet uses the Trees as a symbol of..... (a) The emancipation of women from their confinement. (b) The fight of people for their civil rights. (c) The fight of people for their political rights. (d) The Emancipation of the trees for the room.	1
iv	Select a word from the stanza which means opposite to the - Expose	1

8.	Answer <u>ANY FOUR</u> of the following questions, in about 40-50 words.	4x3=12
i	Did Lencho try to find out who had sent the money to him? Why or why not? What does this tell us about this man?(A letter to God)	3
li	Custard the dragon, was not only a brave pet but also magnanimous by heart. Explain with the reference to the poem. (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)	3
iii	What were the examples given by Mahatma Buddha to make Kisa Gotami understand about the truth of life? (Sermon at Benaras)	3

iv	What are the 'Twin Obligations' mentioned by Mandela. Which obligation was not fulfilled by Nelson Mandela. (Nelson Mandela: A long walk for freedom)	3
v	Give a brief pen-portrait of Conductor. (Madam rides the bus)	3
`	Answer <u>ANY TWO</u> of the following questions, in about 40-50 words.	2X3=6
I	The ball was a great success for Matilda. Explain this line with apt example. (The Necklace)	3
li	What according to Hari Singh was a 'Queer Way' to make money? (A thief's Story)	3
iii	The Martians misunderstood the books and gave wrong interpretations of it. List three examples. (The Book That Saved The Earth)	3

10	Answer <u>ANY ONE</u> of the following questions, in about 100-120 words.	1X6=6
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A	<p>You have been asked to present an evaluation of the approaches of the mothers of both, the baby Seagull and Amanda, towards helping their Children. Write this presentation draft including your insights, in about 120 words comparing the approaches of both parents.</p> <p>You may begin this way: One Acknowledges that both parents, Amanda's mother and the baby Seagull's mother both..... however.....</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Reference – Amanda and His First Flight)</p>
B	<p>Anne Frank's habit of talking continuously in class and bothering Mr. Keesing earned her punishment after punishment. But she turned things around for herself. Similarly, a crow showed the brighter side of life to the poet in the poem, 'Dust of Snow'. Show how the right attitude in life can be an asset. Document your response inform of a Diary Entry.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Reference – Diary of a Young Girl and Dust of Snow)</p>

11	Answer <u>ANY ONE</u> of the following questions, in about 100-120 words.	1x6=6
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A	<p>Would you do something(i.e Commit a crime) if you thought that the ends justify the means? Do you think that certain situations you can be excused for acting dishonestly? Write a speech as a police officer explaining the actions of HoraceDanby and why he should be labelled a culprit and must be punished for his deeds.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(A Question of Trust)</p>
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B	<p>Read the following quote by John Milton</p> <p>“The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven...”</p> <p>Griffin the brilliant scientist was a blot on humanity. Comment on the statement keeping the above quote in your mind.</p> <p>(Footprints without Feet)</p>
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